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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE ON MOSCOW COMMERCIAL  
OFFICE, DEC 31, 1973

1. END-OF-YEAR EDITION INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE JUST RECEIVED  
CARRIED BRIEF ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO NEW YORK TIMES REGARDING  
EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICE, "OPENED FORMALLY WITH GREAT FAN-  
FARE ON OCT 3 BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDERICK DENT."  
COMMENTING THAT OFFICE "NOW SITS EMPTY, CRIPPLED BY LACK  
OF FUNDS FOR THE EQUIPMENT TO OPERATE IT," ARTICLE CONTINUES  
BY NOTING THAT OUTFITTING OF OFFICE AWAITS PASSAGE OF FY 74  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

2. EMBASSY NEITHER INSPIRED NOR ENCOURAGED NYTIMES  
CORRESPONDENT HEDRICK SMITH IN HIS RECENT INQUIRIES REGARDING  
VACANT OFFICE. THERE HAS BEEN RISING VOLUME OF INTEREST IN  
EMPTY OFFICE BY SOVIET OFFICIALS AS WELL AS AMERICANS IN  
MOSCOW. TIMES PRESSURE FOR STORIES FROM MOSCOW DURING  
UNEVENTFUL WEEK MAY WELL HAVE TRIGGERED ARTICLE WHICH  
APPEARS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES  
THIS BRIEF PIECE WAS PROBABLY LEAST AWKWARD PRESENTATION THAT  
COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. SOMMERLATTE

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